

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 27, 2017, I was absent from the House and missed roll call votes 195 through 196.

Had I been present for roll call 195, a vote on H.R. 1117, a measure to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for roll call 196, a vote on H.R. 654, The Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2017, I would have voted "Aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal matter, I missed the following votes on Monday, March 27, 2017:

Roll Call Vote No. 195: To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA".

Roll Call Vote No. 196: Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA".

IN HONOR OF WALTER HARRISON

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the entire Connecticut delegation to recognize a dedicated leader, respected academic, and a dear friend, Walter Harrison, on his retirement as the President of the University of Hartford. His retirement marks the end of 19 years of an incredibly successful term as President and the end of an era at the University.

A graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Walt began his career of service and experience in higher education, receiving his Masters from the University of Michigan and went on to serve for three years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He then completed a doctorate at the University of California-Davis and worked in the administrations of Colorado College and the University of Michigan before joining the University of Hartford.

Walter Harrison played a critical role in revitalizing the University of Hartford after he became President in 1998. Under his guidance, the University increased and diversified its enrollment, financial stability and academic performance. During the time that Mr. Harrison served as President, the University of Hartford renovated dorms, dining halls and athletic facilities to completely change and modernize the campus. New undergraduate and graduate academic programs were added in science, technology and the fine arts. Undergraduate enrollment increased by 20 percent. His genuine affinity for students and his authentic concern were evident every time I walked the campus with him.

Walter has also been an engaged leader for the city of Hartford. He serves on multiple boards in the area including on the boards of Saint Francis Hospital and the MetroHartford Alliance. He is one of the founders of the Connecticut Science Center and a past president of Hartford Stage. Walter made engagement with the city a priority of his tenure, and was involved in the effort to incorporate Hartford public schools into the campus of the University, resulting in the University of Hartford Magnet School and the University High School of Science and Engineering. Walter also played a key role in reforming the NCAA and was recognized by his peers for his outstanding leadership.

What I admire most about Walt is the easy manner and grace in which he engages students, faculty, and the greater community the University serves. His humanity and well-rounded nature makes him a man for all seasons: cultured, passionate, affable, and witty, truly a Renaissance man. He is just as comfortable at Augie and Rays as he is at Hartford Stage; talking sports, politics, or theater. I have valued our friendship, admired his leadership and academic acumen, and consider myself a better person having benefitted from our relationship and his wisdom.

Walt will be truly missed at the University of Hartford. His vision and leadership have shaped the University into the institution it is today, and I am proud to call him a friend. The word retirement doesn't become him; he is too committed and essential to the heartbeat of life to retire. He will simply engage. The entire CT delegation joins in thanking him for his service to the University and the city of Hartford.

To paraphrase George Barnard Shaw, Walt has been a splendid torch that has burned brightly for the University and now he is handing it off to the next generation.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF WAUSAU-AREA TRAGEDY

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it's with a heavy heart that I rise today to recognize the loss of

four members of our greater Wausau community. It was last week that four lives were taken from us all too early.

Karen Barclay was warm and caring to everyone around her. At Marathon Savings Bank, she made sure that no child left the bank without a lollipop.

Dianne Look, known as 'Dee-Dee,' celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary last month. Dianne loved to make jewelry; raising money for the American Cancer Society.

Sara Quirt-Sann had an infectious laugh and ran her own law practice. She proudly served as a Guardian ad Litem for kids in our community.

We also lost Detective Jason Weiland of the Everest Metro Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty. Serving 18 years in what was described as his 'dream job,' Detective Weiland wore the Everest Metro PD uniform because he wanted to protect people and keep his community safe.

On behalf of this institution, I rise to extend my deepest regrets to their families—the mothers and fathers, husbands, wives, and children who no longer have a special member in their homes.

HONORING EARLINE WRIGHT-HART

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Earline Wright-Hart was born in Rural Holmes County, one of six (6) children, born to the union of Willie and Claudia Mae Wright. Married to James Zachary Hart, 4 children, 3 sons: James, Ryan, Lamont & 1 daughter: Jamie Wright-Hart and a new "Grand Nana" to Hailey Kimbrough Jordan.

Ms. Earline Wright-Hart is a member of the Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Choir Member and a Trustee. She was also a graduate of Saint Academy, Holmes Junior College and MS State University and graduated on July 22, 2010 from Michigan State University—School of Criminal Justice/Judicial Administration Program.

Ms. Earline Wright-Hart was elected Circuit Clerk of Holmes County in November, 1991 and she still serves Holmes County in this capacity as well as presently serving on the Statewide Election Management System Focus Group with Mississippi Secretary of State, Delbert Hoseman.

Some of Ms. Wright-Hart's accomplishments are:

1. Served as Vice-Legislative Chair for the MS Circuit Clerk's Assoc., 1996 through 1997
2. Appointed Secretary of the MS Circuit Clerk's Association in July, 1999
3. Nominated Professional of the Year by Holmes County Chamber of Commerce in April, 2001
4. Served as President of the Mississippi Circuit Clerk's Association in 2002–2003

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5. Named in Empire Who's Who Registry of Executives & Professionals in 2003–2004

6. Appointed by Secretary of State, Eric Clark, Pilot Circuit Clerk for State/Saber Project in January, 2005 for the Statewide Election Management System

7. Parent of the Year in 2004–2005 at Holmes County School District

8. Appointed Program Evaluator for the 21st Judicial District Adult Drug/DUI Court in January, 2006

9. Certified Level 1 firefighter—MS State Fire Academy in May, 2006

10. Named Who's Who Among Professional Female Executives in 2008–2009

11. Received the Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Women History Award at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Madison MS in March, 2009

12. Received Accountable Public Officials Award by Southern Echo, Inc. in December, 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Earline Wright-Hart for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

IN MEMORY OF DALE HARLEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina lost a dedicated public servant with the passing of West Columbia City Councilman Dale Harley. Pastor Michael Hood lovingly conducted a Service of Death and Resurrection on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Platt Springs United Methodist Church in Springdale with organist Sherri Cafaro and soloist Jason Barrs. Pallbearers were Ben Breland, Michael Faulling, Peter Fisher, Dana Harley, Kevin Harley, Chuck Haseldon, Paul Rish, Kent Safriet, Van Safriet, Chris Threatt, and Jeff Threatt. Honorary Pallbearers were the West Columbia City Council members and the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission. Thompson Funeral Home of Lexington thoughtfully coordinated services.

The following thoughtful obituary was included in the service program:

Leonard Dale Harley, Sr., 76, of West Columbia, SC, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2017. He was born in West Columbia, SC, to the late James "Alburn" and Leola Spires Harley.

Dale was a longtime member of Platt Springs UMC, where he once was very involved with the youth group and Boy Scouts. He was a member of the West Columbia City Council and a member of the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission. He was a family man that loved spending time with his family, friends and pets. He will be missed by many.

Dale is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Sandy; his daughters, Lynn (Jim) Asbill of Anderson, SC and Kim (Kim) Harley of West Columbia; and son, Lee (Erika) Harley of Lexington. He also leaves behind his two grandchildren, Nathan and Auburn; his sisters, Sarah (Bill) Geddings, and Jean Threatt; brother, James Mello (Sherrell) Harley; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Frances Maxine Hamilton and Dorothy Joyce Paulling.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present on March 27, 2017 due to the death of my 105 year old Grandmother, Edna Yoder. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote Number 195. On Roll Call Number 196, I would have voted Yea.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD BOALS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an Arizona business leader, health care advocate, and dedicated community servant, Richard Boals. Mr. Boals has served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona since 2003, providing strategic leadership and vision for the company through critical times of change and transition in the industry.

As a long-time advocate, Mr. Boals is active in the community and has been involved with countless professional and local organizations. His focus and dedication are aimed at youth and education, health, wellness and human services, economic and civic development, and arts and culture.

Mr. Boals is on the board of directors for Arizona Commerce Authority, Greater Phoenix Leadership, Arizona State University W.P. Carey School of Business Center for Services Leadership, Arizona State University President's Club, Arizona State University Dean's Council of 100, and the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. He is a member of the Translational Genomics Research Institute's board of directors, Arizona Educational Foundation's advisory board, and the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation board of directors. He is chairman of the board of directors for TriWest Healthcare and O'Connor House.

As a community and business leader, Mr. Boals has been honored with several awards: the ASU Alumni Leadership Award, the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation's Heroes of Education Award, the Victoria Foundation's Advocates for Education Award, the American Jewish Committee's National Human Relations and Centennial Leadership Awards, the Anti-Defamation League's Jerry J. Wisotsky Torch of Liberty Award, the Greater Phoenix Urban League's Whitney M. Young, Jr. Individual Award, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's Globe and Anchor Award, and the Phoenix Business Journal's Silver Anniversary Honor Roll Award.

Mr. Boals received his associate's degree from Phoenix College and bachelor's degree in accounting from Arizona State University. He has completed executive development courses at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, Haas School of Business at the University of California, Harvard University and University of Michigan. Mr. Boals served four years in the United States Air Force before beginning his career at BCBSAZ.

I congratulate Richard on an incredible career in the service of a healthier Arizona. I wish him and his wife Maryglenn a healthy and happy retirement filled with friends, family, and adventure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 195 and 196 Monday, March 27, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on roll call votes 195 and 196.

HONORING DWIGHT A. BARFIELD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary Black History honoree, Mr. Dwight A. Barfield.

Dwight A. Barfield was born to a prominent Civil Rights Activist and Vice Mayor of Marks, MS, the Late James Figs Barfield and Eloise Barfield of Marks, MS. As a child, he was determined to be a distinguished follower of his father.

Webster's dictionary delineates success as "the attainment of wealth, favor and eminence." It is an apt definition, but only a partial one. What is missing is the kind of success that can only be measured in terms of self-fulfillment. At the young age of twenty-one and with the collaboration of young and old supporters and influential African Americans, Dwight Anthony Barfield was successful in his bid of becoming the youngest Mayor of Marks, Mississippi and the youngest elected official in Quitman County on June 3, 1993.

During his tenure as mayor (Three Consecutive Terms from June 1993 through June 2005), Dwight earned a reputation of being a coalition-builder, managing to keep the City of Marks Board of Alderman and the Quitman County Supervisors together. Under his signature leadership, the citizens and the business community thrived and flourished. He partnered with the Casino industry, (namely, Grand Casino) to provide city and county citizen's jobs. He brought business such as McDonald's, Family Dollar, BFI Waste Management to name a few.

He has continued to exude unprecedented willingness to do whatever it takes to keep the community abreast of the positives and negatives. He is recognized amongst his family, his community, and his colleagues as a man of integrity, service, compassion, and outstanding spirit. He attended the historic church where Dr. Martin Luther King spoke on behalf of the "Poor People Campaign that started in the 1968."

He is a dedicated and devoted member of Silent Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Marks MS where he serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and as Deacon.

He continues to be an activist in his community while ensuring that elected officials are